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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of.: Karsenty *et al.*

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Application No.: 09/489,873

Group Art Unit: 1635

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Examiner: Lacourciere, Karen A.

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR CONTROL OF BONE
FORMATION VIA MODULATION
OF LEPTIN ACTIVITY

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 5, 2002, please consider the remarks below. Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for one month, extending the time for response up to and including November 5, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 60 are pending.

The Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1 to 5, 18, and 19, drawn to a method of treating a bone disease by administering a polynucleotide that lowers leptin levels, classified in class 514, subclass 44.
- Group II: Claims 1, 5 to 13, and 16 to 19, drawn to a method of treating a bone disease by administering an antibody that binds leptin, classified in class 514, subclass 2.